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Dear Sir:

Reply after Final Action

In reply to the final official action mailed on October 18, 2004 with response due January 18, 2005, Applicant submits this reply including a 132 affidavit.

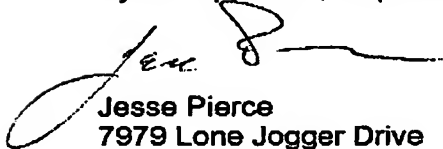
The Examiner asserts that the 1X, 2X, 3X, etc. seems to indicate that multiplying factors for the payout provides a bonus. The fact is that the software used by Applicant is common to a number of games that use symbols other than the multiplying factors and those games payout in multiples without specifically disclosing that on the lined up reels. Thus, the reels line up and the multiplied payout happens according to the software in a regular slot machine when a win occurs as shown on the pay table. Regular slot machines have multiplied payout and Applicant has used that in a new, surprising and unexpected way. While the rotator does operate like a reel, as the Examiner notes, it does not operate as a bonus it only looks like it is a bonus. Applicant's rotator could have symbols and still appear to be a bonus game. Applicant has introduced an illusion as

illusion of two games results from the serialtim play of the first reel, the second reel, etc and finally the rotator; in fact, the rotator is just the continuation of the original game enhanced by the illusion of play located in the top box wherein bonus games traditionally appear. The advantage of spinning the rotator every time enhances the players' interest in the game and the excitement of the illusory bonus.

Applicant submits the attached 132 affidavit to address the question of unobviousness. The Applicant's invention has evidence of commercial success, copying and the overall perception that this is the same as a convention bonus game even though those games require winning entry to spin the bonus reel. Since that is not required in this claimed apparatus and method the illusion remains and the advantages now being realized and copied should receive patent protection.

Applicant is prosecuting this application and would appreciate any guidance the Examiner can provide on how to advance this application to allowance.

By the Applicant, respectfully submitted,


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